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June Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on June 1 was estimated at 1.1 million head, up 110,000 head from a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 110,000 head, was unchanged from last June. Market hog inventory, at 990,000 head, was up 13 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the March to May quarter at 10.70 was up 1.80 pigs from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2015 was 66.9 million head. This was up 9 percent from June 1, 2014, and up slightly from March 1, 2015. Breeding inventory, at 5.93 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.0 million head, was up 9 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2015 pig crop, at 29.6 million head, was up 8 percent from 2014. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.85 million head, up 1 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.37 for the March-May period, compared to 9.78 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.91 million sows farrow during the June-August 2015 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, but up 1 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for September-November 2015, at 2.87 million sows, are down 4 percent from 2014, but up 3 percent from 2013.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, June 1, 2015

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			U.S.		
	2014	2015	Change	2014	2015	Change
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(Percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(Percent)
Breeding	110	110	0	5,855	5,926	1
Market	880	990	13	55,713	60,975	9
Under 50 pounds	270	275	2	18,254	19,455	7
50-119 pounds	210	255	21	15,801	17,181	9
120-179 pounds	200	230	15	11,491	12,810	11
180+ pounds	200	230	15	10,166	11,529	13
Total	990	1,100	11	61,568	66,900	9
Sows farrowed, Mar-May	52	50	-4	2,810	2,850	1
Pigs/litter, Mar-May	8.90	10.70	20	9.78	10.37	6
Pig crop, Mar-May	463	535	16	27,495	29,563	8
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ¹	51	50	-2	2,991	2,915	-3
Sows farrowing, Sep-Nov ¹	53	48	-9	2,994	2,865	-4

¹ Current Year Represents Intended Farrowings.